Proposal for setting up of Air Station at Amravati in Maharashtra

87. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the policy regarding setting up of All India Radio Stations in States;

(b) whether a proposal regarding setting up of All India Radio Station at Amravati in Maharashtra is under consideration; and

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati's policy to set up Radio Stations in States includes consideration of factors like provision of coverage in hitherto uncovered areas, provision of coverage in hilly, tribal and border areas, linguistic and cultural needs, availability of infrastructure facilities, availability of resources, *inter se* priority, etc.

(b) and (c) A Local Radio Station, with 10 KW FM Transmitter at Amravati was proposed in Ninth Plan. However, due to constraint of funds, this scheme including many others, had to be deferred.

Mafia's Hold on Film Industry

†88. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mafia's hold on film industry in the country is increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any concrete step to save this industry from mafia's clutch;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.